

MINUTES OF A MEETING

BROOKLYN FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 23, 2017

6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Van Kirk, Chair
Barb Paulitzky
Debbie Tomusko

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Secretary Banish called the meeting to order and asked for a motion for a Committee Chair. **MOTION** by Paulitzky, second by Van Kirk for Ron Van Kirk as Chair. **MOTION** by Tomusko for herself as Chair. No second. **VOTE RESULTED:** *For Van Kirk as Chair:* Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky. No: Tomusko.

The first items addressed were Ords. #2017-6 and 7, both relating to QCI Change Orders. Rick Capone and another representative (Peggy) from QCI were present. Mr. Capone explained the costs are based fees and services off a bid doc. He said the contractor had project changes, and some of their own changes (contractor started late, and weather in Ohio, they added a day shift so it could complete in 2016). They did the road to the point of getting four lanes open, and in winter they had to shut down; the contractor has to do a punch list and finish off in 2017. Their costs were not prepared for this. He handed out a construction timeline and explained the stops. This pay reflects the end of Nov., Dec., and now in 2017. Further discussion and explanation of how their additional fees generated (the Committee had various questions he responded to). Dir. Verba said many regulations had to be followed, because it is a federal contract. Mayor Gallagher said the contractor basically owns the contract. Engineer Courtney said that per the federal job an inspector has to be on site when any work is being done, which is why QCI has these bills in. Dir. Butler said that QCI has done what they've needed to do; there may be an opportunity to address the contractor down the road. After further brief discussion, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tomusko to recommend Council adopt both Ordinances 6 and 7. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko. No: None.

Dir. Schaeffer spoke to the Committee about the Audit Committee. He introduced Valerie Harry as the new appointee to the Committee he'd like approval on, giving some credentials and adding he's known her professionally for many years. He said there is a change that they will be meeting quarterly now. There is a rush to get the auditors in the week of Feb. 13th. They will set up a meeting, but it won't be open to the public (for Council and directors only) because it is an Audit in process. Ms. Harry said she's performed thousands of audits, and can provide assistance to the city. Chairman Van Kirk said we are fortunate to have her, and he understands she's helped with transitions of prior Mayors and offered assistance to Finance Directors. After further discussion, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tomusko to approve the appointment of Valerie Harry to the Audit Committee. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko. No: None.

The next item was Ord. #87 (3rd reading), for Penalties of Civil Infractions of the Brooklyn Codified Ords. Councilwoman Pucci noted there is new language that authorizes the Service Dir., and General and Road Foremen (Mr. Rini and Bruzek) to issue violations. **MOTION** by Paulitzky, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko. No: None.

Res.#2017-1 (on 2nd reading), Extends a Moratorium on the granting of Building Permits or Certificates of Occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the cultivation, processing, or retail sale of medical marijuana for a period not to exceed six months from the effective date of this Resolution.

Ord. #2017-2 (on 2nd reading), Extends a Moratorium, not to exceed 120 days from the effective date of this Ordinance, on the acceptance or processing of any permits for that activation or installation of any system, structures, equipment, or devices for the operation of small cells or notes for communication purposes within the City of Brooklyn.

Ord. #3 (on 1st reading), Establishes Soza Fitness & Wellness rates for certain programs at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center and Natatorium. Mgr. McGinty was present with two representatives from Soza for any questions. She asked for a change in how the split is done so it would be in line with the Jazzercise class. She would like it passed in February to get it advertised. Councilwoman Tomusko asked if they have to get an ID card; Mgr. McGinty said yes, but it will state Soza partner member on it, they still pay regular rates for other Rec programs. She also noted there is a calendar at the desk with the list of instructors and classes offered. Councilwoman Pucci asked about membership costs, if they are the same as other partner rates; Mgr. McGinty said yes, and added they offer even more from Soza. Dir. Butler said the Council can ordain the legislation however they wish for the programs.

Ord. #4 (on 1st reading), Authorizes a contract with Sandy Regal to provide Ceramics Instructions for the Senior Center.

Ord. #5 (on 1st reading), Amending Exhibit A of Ord. 2013-44, 'Establishing a price list for the Brooklyn Community-Senior Center for various items, fees, services and sales'.

Ord. #8 (on 1st reading), Authorizes payment of \$149,175 to the C.W. Courtney Company for professional engineering fees relating to the Rodoan Road/Alley Pavement and Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Engineer Courtney presented a timeline to Council- construction beginning in early to mid-May and expected finish at end of November.

Finance Dir. Schaeffer had a request about how payments were made to MAS Financial, he gave that information. Informed that the community survey was mailed this week, and there are links on the website for residents who wish to participate but don't received the mailed ones. He has a meeting with Oswald (healthcare); their net increase appears to be kept to less than 1%. He has a 1st quarter Healthcare Committee meeting scheduled.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Paulitzky, second by Van Kirk to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko. No: None. Meeting adjourned.

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